

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Corrections is responsible for the supervision, custody and care of more than 3,000 adult inmates, 1,900 parolees, and more than 1,000 juvenile offenders in placement and on aftercare; and,

Whereas, The operations of the corrections facilities represent a crucial component of the state's criminal justice system; and,

Whereas, Correctional personnel play a vital role in protecting the right of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity; and,

Whereas, Correctional personnel are responsible for the safety and dignity of the people charged to their care; and,

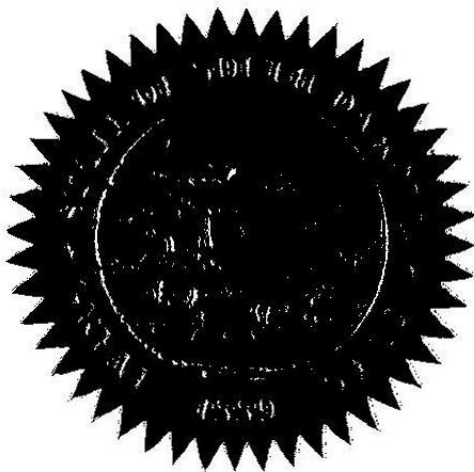
Whereas, Correctional personnel provide a professional and compassionate service to the community at-large; and,

Whereas, Correctional personnel work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily work lives:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and appreciate the efforts of the men and women who work in the corrections field.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State